



*Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts*

**2016 TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**SPONSORS:**

This award is sponsored by the Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the Illinois Audubon Society.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding conservation education efforts of Illinois' teachers in two (2) age categories: (Grades: K-8; 9-12).

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Open to K-12 educators, the nominee:

1. must be teaching in the classroom at public, parochial or private schools located in Illinois.
2. should incorporate Illinois-specific conservation education, environmental education and/or agricultural literacy lessons into his/her teaching.
3. may be part of a team of teachers but should the team win, only one award will be made to the team leader. An applicant cannot be a Director on a soil and water conservation district board. A teacher who is serving as an Associate Director of a soil and water conservation district is eligible and may apply for the award.

**ENTRY:**

Entries should be submitted electronically or by mail to AISWCD. The following should be submitted:

1. Entry form
2. Three (3) narratives on pages three (3) through five (5)
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation

**AWARD PACKAGE:**

Award includes:

1. two (2) complimentary meal tickets to the AISWCD Summer Conference in Springfield, where the award will be presented.
2. a recognition plaque.
3. \$250 Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant opportunity from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
4. a one year membership to the Illinois Audubon Society.

**DEADLINE:**

All entries must be submitted to AISWCD by **May 15, 2016**

**Mail to:** AISWCD, Attn: Teacher of the Year, 4285 N Walnut Street Road, Springfield, IL 62707

**Or Email:** gina.bean@aiswcd.org



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### **OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

#### **NOMINEE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, IL/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, IL/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

County Name: \_\_\_\_\_

List the subject(s) you teach: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Two (2) letters of recommendation:**

1.Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2.Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

***Content of Narrative – This answer should not exceed page 3.***

1. Identify any continuing education or professional development (workshops, courses, seminars, etc.) that you have attended within the past two years. Explain how you incorporated the information into your teaching. How did these learning experiences advance State and National Educational Standards?

***Content of Narrative – This answer should not exceed page 4.***

2. Describe the innovative approaches you use to advance conservation environmental education/agricultural literacy in your classroom. How do you involve your students for the betterment of natural resources?

***Content of Narrative – This answer should not exceed page 5.***

3. Explain how students in your classes have spread the conservation message to others within the school or community.